



## Joseph Vandenberg

October 29, 2024

With heavy hearts we announce that Joseph Desire Vandenberg passed peacefully surrounded by his family on Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at the age of 83. He will be forever loved by his wife of 61 years; Shirley (nee Palocz) and by his children Mark (Debbie) Vandenberg, Charlotte (Dave) Whitehead and Irene (Orlando) Rodrigues. Cherished Grandfather of Joseph Vandenberg (Kirstin), Dalton Vandenberg (Tess), Luke Vandenberg (Bailey), Samantha, Kyle, Jonathan, Rebecca and great grandfather of June, Karson, Wayne and Kash. Son of the late Gus and Marie Vandenberg and son in law of the late August and Esther Palocz. Joe was a dear brother to John (Helen) Vandenberg, Paul (Lois) Vandenberg, Theresa (Armand) DeCaluwe, Thomas (Barbara) Vandenberg, Christine (the late Jack) Rahn, Patrick Vandenberg (the late Sharon Bush), Michael (Joanne) Vandenberg, Maria Vandenberg and will be fondly missed by his many nieces and nephews. As with many life-long farmers, Joe also worked a full time job including 5 years at Dow Chemical and 33 years at Chinook Chemical. Working as hard as Joe did, did not stop him from volunteering his time for many different organizations including the Port Lambton Volunteer Fire Dept, the Canadian Cancer Society, Ontario Trillium Foundation, Sombra Optimist Club and the Knights of Columbus. In his spare time, you could often find him playing golf, a good game of cards or vacationing with family and friends. Family and Friends are invited for visitation at the Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home, 409

Nelson Street in Wallaceburg (519-627-3231), on Thursday, October 31, 2024 from 2-4 and 6-8pm. Joe's Mass of the Resurrection will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians Church (corner of Elgin and Duncan) on Friday, November 1, 2024 at 11:30am with burial to follow at Riverview Cemetery. If you wish to make a donation in his memory, please consider the Knights of Columbus Wallaceburg Council 2102 or the Sombra Township Optimist Club. Cherished stories and tributes may be left for the family at [www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca](http://www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca)

# Tribute Wall



“ Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph Vandenberg

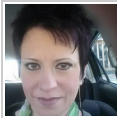


Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - October 30, 2024 at 08:09 PM

CH

*My sincerest condolences to you and your family Shirley. You and Joe have been very highly regarded friends to mom and dad for a lot of years. May you find comfort in your memories and in each other. I will always remember Joe as one ready for a good story or laugh. Fondly, Carol (Babcock) Holley*

Carol (Babcock) Holley - October 30, 2024 at 09:24 PM



*What an AMAZING tribute! So great to see all these pics throughout decades and decades of love. So beautiful. So much LOVE ❤️*

*I wish grandpa's never died too 😭*

Connie Davis - October 31, 2024 at 03:52 AM

SH

*Wishing you peace and comfort at this time. I worked at Chinook Group with Joe many years ago. He was always very pleasant and kind.*

Shelley - October 31, 2024 at 08:29 AM

MD

*Theresa and all the family -condolences at the passing of Joe. May all the happy memories keep you strong,*

*Marie*

**Marie DeCaluwe** - October 31, 2024 at 04:58 PM

FM

*Lovely tribute. Condolences to the whole family.*

**Fiona McGrath** - November 01, 2024 at 07:36 PM

EJ

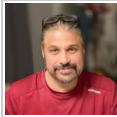
*Simply beautiful. An incredible man, family and legacy. Godspeed to him, all our love to you all. - Greg and Elizabeth*

**Elizabeth James** - November 03, 2024 at 09:36 AM

KA

*An amazing life thanks for sharing* 🍷

**KarenGuilbeault** - November 03, 2024 at 09:51 AM



*Irene, Orlando and your entire family. Sincere condolences on the loss of your blessed father and grandfather Joseph. May you find comfort peace and smiles in the wonderful memories. Sending you thoughts and prayers during this difficult and sad time  
Michael Marisa Andrew and Isabella.*

**Michael Berardo** - November 03, 2024 at 12:44 PM

CF

*My condolences to your Family*

**Carolyn Frith** - November 05, 2024 at 02:24 PM

DO

“ Our sincere condolences to Shirley and family. So sorry to hear of your loss.

*We both knew Joe for many years during our mutual working times at Chinook.*

*Donna Rae and Ben Leatherdale*

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**Donna** - November 05, 2024 at 09:28 AM

RW

“ Very sad to hear this news he was an inspiration to many in the Optimist organization. His hard work will be remembered for Many years to come.

*My family shared a limo with Joe and Shirley at the International convention. He made my children feel so comfortable after there long plane ride, They always talked about this later. He will be missed my heart goes out to the family at this time.*

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**Richard Ward** - November 04, 2024 at 05:47 PM

GF

“ Gerry Flynn lit a candle in memory of Joseph Vandembogaerde



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**Gerry Flynn** - November 02, 2024 at 08:21 PM

BE

“ Our sincere sympathy to Shirley and the family. We know Joe will be greatly missed!!

*George & Bev Bradley*

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**Bev** - November 01, 2024 at 03:52 PM

CC

“ *My condolences to all the family. Such an honourable and good man.*

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**Claudette Caron** - November 01, 2024 at 11:31 AM

BS

“ *Sending our Heartfelt Condolences to Shirley and All the Family and Friends. Seeing the Tribute to Joe, its plain to see the Love and Respect he had from his Family and the Community and may the many memories be a comfort in this time of sorrow and a Celebration of a life well lived. RIP JOE*



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**Brian and Elaine Shaw** - November 01, 2024 at 09:47 AM

KJ

“ *Kellie O'Neil Johnston lit a candle in memory of Joseph Vandenbogaerde*



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**Kellie O'Neil Johnston** - November 01, 2024 at 05:14 AM

KW

“ *Heartfelt Sympathies Shirley, Mark, Irene, Charlotte n families !* 🕊️💕



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**Karen Morrison Wilford** - October 31, 2024 at 07:17 PM

BJ

“ *Our sincere sympathy Shirley and family. Betty and Ed Johnston*



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**Betty Johnston** - October 31, 2024 at 06:17 PM

EL

“ *Theresa I am so sorry I can't be with you tomorrow as you say good bye to your beloved brother but know that I am thinking of you and all of Joe's family*

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**Elanor Van Landeghem** - October 31, 2024 at 06:04 PM

JW

“ *We're very sorry Shirley to hear of Joe's passing. Our thoughts are with you and your family. May Joe's memories stay with you always. Marian & Jim Walsh*

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**Jim and Marian Walsh** - October 31, 2024 at 05:08 PM

SH

“ *My condolences to the family !*



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**Susan Hinnegan** - October 31, 2024 at 12:58 PM

JT

“ We send our heartfelt condolences to Shirley, Mark, Irene and Charlotte and families. May Joe rest in peace.



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**Jack and Kim Thomaes** - October 31, 2024 at 12:31 PM

JE

“ Sending our sincere condolences to Shirley and the Vandenberg family. Thinking of you in the days ahead as you share your memories of him with family and friends. Sincerely,  
Jean (VanDamme) & Dave Elliott



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**Jean Elliott** - October 31, 2024 at 12:07 PM

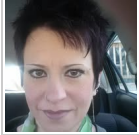
PS

“ Peter Seys lit a candle in memory of Joseph Vandenberg



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**Peter Seys** - October 31, 2024 at 12:04 PM



“ *First and foremost, we lost the leader of the pack... big brother, mentor, uncle, cousin, Father, grandfather and great grandfather, and friend. The Patriarch of the Vandenberg family. That is how I have always viewed him. I checked the definition of "Patriarch" to ensure that I was in fact using the word correctly! (one needs to be 100% certain when posting to an audience!) and quite coincidentally, the following was part of that definition;*

*"The patriarch of the house rules it with a ferocity renowned throughout the neighbourhood." Hahaha...how fitting. Joe could be very quick to anger, and he was very strict, but he was also quick to get over his anger, and he was only strict with things that really mattered. Like the time me, my brother, and my sister were visiting, and all us kids were playing hide and seek in the loft of the pig barn. I rarely spoke as a child, and so when I climbed down out of the loft and ran into the house (for whatever reason?), I didn't tell anyone I was leaving. Eventually they noticed I was gone, and because everyone was very young, they thought for sure the pigs ate me! When the kids came to tell the parents of my fate, they found me at the kitchen table, I think I might've been eating cookies with Aunt Shirley? Boy did I get a stern talking to over that one! But only because apparently I very well could have been eaten by the pigs! One needs to speak up when leaving my playmates, and not go down the ladder by myself because I could fall...and I just might have fallen into the pig pen!*

*I think the very best thing I am going to miss about Uncle Joe is (and I'm sure everyone will smile when I say this, because he is probably the only person I have ever known with an authentic one of these!!! 😊)...the twinkle in his eye! When that man smiled he could light up a room, and the twinkle that sometimes appeared whenever he was being "cheeky" (which was often!) certainly made it brighter! No. I don't think I have ever seen a true twinkle before, or since Joe came into my life. He was greatly admired and will be forever missed. He was a very special man, who helped to raise one heck of a beautiful, caring, loving, strong and confident family. I will forever hold the sweetest of my childhood memories from the times*

*spent out on the farm. My heart is heavy knowing he is gone, but everytime I think of him I know the image of that twinkle will forever bring comfort knowing that I had the absolute pleasure of knowing him and having him be a very significant part of my younger years. Thanks for so many wonderful memories Joe. The work is all done. Now you can rest. ❤️*

*My love to Shirley, Mark, Irene and the baby of the family (😂), Charlotte (and all of the significant others and allllllll the offspring and on and on...!!). I'm so sorry you are hurting. My condolences for the loss of such a wonderful man. He would be so proud of you all.*

*Connie*

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**Connie Davis** - October 31, 2024 at 03:33 AM

MJ

“ *Sincere condolences to all the family*

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**Marlene Judson** - October 30, 2024 at 09:23 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to Shirley and family may GOD Bless you all.*



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**Margaret Aarssen** - October 30, 2024 at 05:55 PM

EJ

“ *Eric and Sandra Johnston sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph Vandenbogaerde*

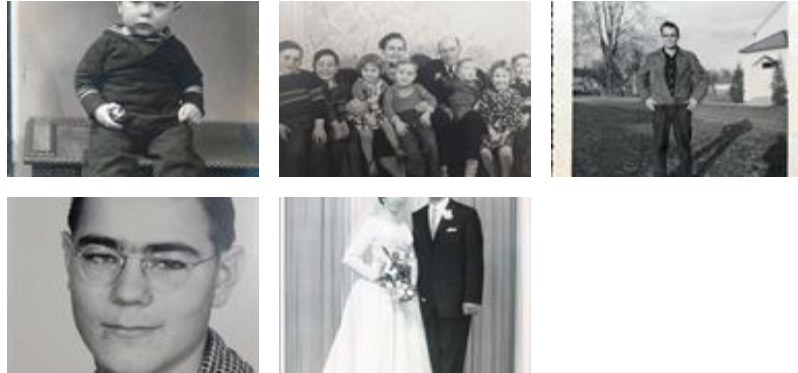


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**Eric and Sandra Johnston** - October 30, 2024 at 05:30 PM



“ 108 files added to the album LifeTributes



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - October 30, 2024 at 04:02 PM

LR

*My condolences to the whole family, Joe will be missed by us all at Marshall Gowland Manor. We are all thinking of you Shirley and your family.  
Lori*

Lori Richards - October 30, 2024 at 10:54 PM

DD

“ *Sending our condolences to the Vandenberg family!*



Dave & Karen Deheer - October 30, 2024 at 03:03 PM

CF

“ *Our Heartfelt Sympathy and prayers are with Joe's family. He was very active in his church and community. Rest in peace. Will always be remembered.*

Clarence & Cindy Feddes - October 30, 2024 at 01:39 PM

TD

“ *Rest in peace Joe. Will miss our good times together!* ”



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**Theresa DeCaluwe** - October 30, 2024 at 01:30 PM